

Moore-Whatley House
Two Miles (S. E.) of Auburn, Ala.
Lee Co.

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MOORE-WHATLEY HOUSE
Two miles Southeast of Auburn
Lee County, Alabama.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: ¹

This "Greek Revival" residence is interesting because it shows the kind of small plain house found in east-central Alabama.

The house is one story high, raised on high brick piers. A hallway runs through the center of the house with a bed room and a living room on either side. Formerly a covered passageway on the South led off to a dining room and kitchen.

The use of wainscot on the front porch is unusual. ²

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1. The chimneys are not drawn in correct proportion on the drawings as may be seen by comparing the photographs and drawings.
 2. A cottage illustrated in plate 150 in Howard Major's "Domestic Architecture of the Early American Republic" also has a wainscoted porch.

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HISTORICAL DATA:

Built about 1840.

Ownership:

Orin Moore built this plantation home.

Edward Hurd purchased home and part of plantation.

F. J. Whatley married Edward Hurd's daughter,
and today he owns this house.

Present Occupants: Negro Tenants.

The Original Plantation:

Consisted of 16,000 acres of land. Orin Moore was a wealthy plantation owner. He had many slaves to work his 16,000 acres of land. After the war he lost his slaves, and with them the value of the land.

Gradually the 16,000 acre plantation was divided between members of his family or portions of it were sold. Today the plantation consists of just a few hundred acres, together with the old dilapidated house.

Source of Material:

Mrs. Alma Whatley, Auburn, Alabama.

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